GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SICK PRISONERS IN TIHAR JAIL
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that large number of prisoners in Tihar Jail are suffering from diseases as reported in Jansatta dated February 04,2006;

(b) if so, the details of medical facilities being provided to these prisoners;

(c) whether the specialized doctors for Cardiac disease, mental illness and skin disease are available in Tihar Jail;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether any operation theatre is available in the hospital at Tihar Jail; and

(f) if not, the measures taken by the Government to provide the services of specialized doctors alongwith the establishment of operation theatre in the hospital at Tihar Jail, Delhi?

Answer

(MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS) (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a): As per information given by Tihar Jail authorities, during the year 2005, 3284 prisoners (out of an annual turnover of 72,000 prisoners) were diagnosed for different ailments.

(b): In each jail, there is a dispensary which functions on round the clock basis. One Senior Medical Officer assisted by Doctors and para medical staff treats prisoners in the OPD. Medicines are also dispensed to the prisoners from the dispensary itself. Specialized Senior Residents in various specialties visit jail Dispensaries on fixed days and examine the patients requiring such examination. In cases of serious ailments, they are sent to the Hospital situated in Central Jail No.3 from where, depending upon the gravity of the case, referrals are made to specialized hospitals outside.

(c) & (d): There are Specialists in Psychiatry and Skin in Tihar Jail. Any prisoner requiring consultation/treatment from Cardiologists is referred to hospitals outside.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. A minor operation theatre is available in Tihar Jail with effect from March, 2005.